

**SALAAM BAALAK TRUST**



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Dear readers

A child is the most important asset of any society, as well as the flag bearer of cultures and values of that society to which it belongs. In adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child nations across the world pledged to make it a better place for the children to grow in an environment free from fear, exploitation and hunger, of creativity and expression and participation. Despite this most nations have been unable to achieve the laid out principles and goals of this Convention more so in the developing than the developed countries. India too has a long way to go in realizing these goals and being a signatory to the Convention it is obligatory on its part to ensure that these are fulfilled.

Some of the most vulnerable and exploited children of the world are the children of the street, and those who have run away from home. In Delhi itself, close to half million children are homeless and roam around railway stations and other places to sit for a while, take a deep breath and garner some energy to take on what life next throws at them. In their quest for better life, these children board trains, not knowing where they are going and what they are looking for. In their effort to escape the misery of poverty, even abuse, they end up facing a new reality which can be even more harsh. While the fear of dejection prevents them from going back, the fantasy of a better life in the mirage of city life catapults them into a struggle where they are left to fend for themselves.

Salaam Baalak Trust grew out of a concerns for the children of the street. 18 years ago, we took a pledge to help these children empower themselves and come above wants on their own. We pledged to help them in their struggle with wants and help them grow into individuals of helping themselves, their peers and kins and the society. Eighteen years hence, their struggle continues and so does ours, achieving little milestones and yearning for bigger ones. We are determined to continue and are sure to find you along whenever we needed help. Thanking you

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## **Salaam Baalak Trust**

### **Genesis**

The deep insights into the trials and travails of life of street children depicted in the internationally acclaimed film of Ms. Mira Nair caused great consternations in the conscience of people and pioneering effort was set afoot by Salaam Baalak Trust. The trust started initiatives in Mumbai and Delhi with the proceeds of the film generously donated by the filmmaker Ms. Mira Nair. Avowed to help the street working and railway children, the trust set up contact points and shelters in Central Delhi. With every children turning up for help our faith and determination grew stronger and soon a small initiative turned into a big trust for children and children a trust for Salaam Baalak.

Today SBT runs four 24 hour shelter homes and seven contact points. We also reach to the children who are unable to reach us and therefore organize a number of outreach activities in nearby communities. Started with 20 children; SBT is now a huge family of more than 3000 children. Having worked with more than 30,000 children over the last 18 years (many of whom are well settled having families, homes and a successful enterprise) provides us the encouragement and strength to continue this work with more vigour. We acknowledge gratefully that there have been a number of individuals and organizations who have made it possible, we remain ever indebted to them.

### **Vision**

Salaam Balaak Trust (SBT) works for creating a just and equitable society where the rights of the child to education, health & nutrition, family environment, recreation & participation are respected.

### **Mission**

SBT aims to provide a sensitive and caring environment to the street & working children and children on the margins of the society. It seeks to disseminate the barriers that diminish opportunities of children to realize their rights

### **Objectives:**

- To provide survival, development & protection to children
- To evoke a responsive governance accountable to providing best conditions for the children
- To engage other government, non-government, and voluntary organization with the objective of ensuring a more sensitized environment, governance and stakeholders with respect to the children.
- To encourage children to participate in their own empowerment & girl child.

## **Overview of the last year**

The year gone by was very satisfactory from the point of view providing care and quality services to the children. The sheer number of children (2710) to whom we could reach out and involve in the process of empowerment was a reason to be content with. More than 900 children whom we could restore back to their families earned invaluable blessings, goodwill and strength and encouragement to move on. Education has been a mainstay of SBT programmes provided shimmer of light and a ray of hope in the world of 2000 children. Medical and health interventions helped 1700 children. Many children were enrolled in vocational education and training continuing the SBT tradition of emphasis on making children financially self dependence. This year 33 children were successfully placed with various groups and companies.

The important milestone of the year was successful completion of the 7 year 'Impact' programme. The programme supported by FHI/USAID focused on risk reduction of HIV/AIDS among high risk groups of street children and drug abusing children. The main components of the programme being awareness and education on HIV/AIDS through child friendly IEC methods viz. puppetry, street play, peer group interventions and counseling, identification and testing for HIV/AIDS and STDs/RTIs, and life skill education; the programme involved 25000 children in the risk reduction efforts. While the quantitative achievements of the programme cannot be explained here due to paucity of space, it suffice to say that the programme kept 23781 children at bay from the fatal disease over a period of 7 year. Recognizing the contribution of the trust in risk reduction, USAID/FHI have shortlisted SBT for a demonstration project under SAMARTH, another USAID/FHI project for HIV/AIDS prevention among Street and Working Children along with three other partners in Delhi. The project commenced in Oct'06 and seeks to June 2011.

The previous year also saw SBT getting recognition for its tireless efforts in providing quality services to the children in need. SBT received UNAIDS Civil Society Awards 2006 for outstanding commitment and support to the national fight against HIV/AIDS. More than awards and recognitions, our children have done us proud. A number of them got distinctions and awards at various cultural/education/sports programmes, something we already knew they are capable of doing. SBT's one of the shelter also got recognition by Delhi Social Welfare Board

Extra curricular and cultural activities have always been very unique to SBT process of empowerment of children and our belief that recreation is equally important for the well being of children have got strengthened year after year. Organizing the premier of "Namesake" a film directed and produced by Ms. Mira Nair, Ambassador of SBT was a special event of the year. Children were delighted to watch one of the top films of year and to interact with the caste of the film. The premier also helped to raise financial support for SBT. SBT organized a special dance production at French Embassy which more than 3000 people watched and reveled at. Exhibition of photographs of Vicky Roy, ex-beneficiary, supported by British Council and DFID and organized at India habitat Centre was another moment of joy which the SBT family will cherish for ever.

The empowerment of girl child has always been a focus and priority for the SBT. This year as always our girls have done us proud. Anju got a bravery award from 92.8 FM. Laxmi acted in a movie called “the forest” being produced by Ashwin Kumar. Sonia first girl from Arushi completed her high school.

The dawn of New Year also meant some new initiatives for the SBT. SBT started two new contact points at Old Delhi Railway Station and at PVR complex Saket. While Old Delhi Railway witnesses influx of huge number of children from Bihar, UP and west Bengal, Saket and adjoining area abound in children of street who try to make a living by begging and vending at PVR complex. We hope that we are able to reach out and help the children to create a future for themselves and know that we would succeed with your support

## **Programmes**

*Salaam Baalak programmes; Contact points, shelters and outreach; A story of trust, care and protection*

Salaam Baalak trust is all about trust, care and protection. The trust that children have evinced in us, the care that we try to provide them and protection that we have to ensure for them before they grow into mature and responsible citizen who contribute in the growth of the society and the country. SBT contact points, shelter homes and outreach ensure individualized care for each and every children and rekindle the light of passion and mission in them.

*Contact points:* Contact points are the main recruiting ground, as this is the point where children come into initial contact with the trust. The contact points primarily seek to get information about the child with a aim to get them repatriated. However, if the child insists on staying back or describe a situation where his/her repatriation is not in the best interest of the child, recourse has to be taken to provide him services that makes him/her comfortable and feel secure. Contact points offer following services

- Counseling children to achieve reunion with their families.
- Provision of proper nutrition, clothing and hygiene facilities.
- On-going education, through non-formal education and the National Open School (NOS) system.
- Provision of first aid, medical check ups and tests, HIV/AIDS testing (on voluntary basis), and referral to drug de-addiction programmes.
- Recreational facilities: art and craft, music, out-door indoor games, excursions within Delhi, and an annual educational tour to hill station.
- Encouragement to save money through savings schemes with inbuilt financial incentives.
- Building awareness of child rights, in association with Child Rights Club and Bal Adhikar Manch.
- Fostering a sense of communal harmony and an awareness of other religions, through observance of all major festivals.
- Capacity building of the contact point staff on regular basis

SBT works through the following contact points established in central zone of New Delhi:

1. General Reserve Police or G.R.P CENTER, New Delhi Railway Station

Situated at New Delhi railway station, this was the first Center from where SBT started its operations 18 years ago. This half-day care center provides the basic contact with the children, reassuring them about the Trust's concern for them by providing medical assistance, non-formal education, and recreation, games & awareness programs.

During the year under review a total number of 568 children received services at GRP centre. GRP centre also traced out 160 new children through night outreach programme and transferred 40 girls to Childline. Other statistical achievement for GRP remained as under

Referred to Childline-----156 children  
Restore back to families-----250 children (through childline 78)  
Received non formal education-----568 children  
Received education through NIOS-----17 children (3<sup>rd</sup>-10, 5th-4, 8th-2, 10th-1)  
Placed in jobs-----5 children  
Vocational training ---- 02 children  
Medical intervention & check up----568 children  
Long term treatment----- 15  
HIV test-----43  
Hepatitis B injection-----124  
Tetanus-----220  
LSE Sessions-----10  
Health camps-----4 (screened 120 children)  
Total beneficiaries-----568 children

2. PLATFORM, New Delhi Railway Station

Platform has been a contact point, which was operational off & on in the past, but since 2000-2001 it has become a permanent Contact Point. Platform school which now has over 20 boys and girls came into existence in 1996 and is also a contact point for street

children at car park Ajmeri gate, New Delhi Railway Station. The target group is street & working children between 8- 17 years at platform school.

Platform caters to the needs of those children who leave their homes due to poverty, ill treatment by guardian or parents and land up at the New Delhi Railway Station.

It is crucial to find the runaway children as soon as they arrive at the station; otherwise they fall in wrong company or drug peddlers and thieves. Social workers constantly conduct field visits on the platforms and are on the look out of new children and motivate them to come to the contact point or shelter.

During 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 , 238 children were served with its services.

Referred to Childline-----63 children

Restore back to families-----18 children (through Childline 8)

Received non formal education-----238 children

Placed in job ----- 05 children

Referred to hospitals-----7

### 3. KISHALAYA - HANUMAN MANDIR, CONNAUGHT PLACE

Kishalaya at *Hanuman Mandir* caters to over 25 boys and girls in the age group of 3-18 years and has been a regular day center since it was opened in December 1999. Since most of the children are drug-addicts, 100% de-addiction is our main aim and also our goal is to bring the children to the main stream of the society. 158 children benefited from kishalaya this year, the details of services provided being as under

Restore back to families-----14 children

Placed to other NGO-----13 child

Transferred to SBT shelter ----- 12 children

Children in formal school-----13 children

Received non formal education-----125 children

Received education through NIOS-----2 children (8<sup>th</sup> -2)

Medical checkups—107

Ref. to hospital---69

HIV test -----20

LSE-----37 sessions held

Health camps-----2 screened 63 children

**4. Prerna:** Prerna is a unique intervention working with children who are living with their families but devoid of their childhood, these are children who have never seen anything else than parents and never chased any dreams but their prospective customers to sell them balloons, small toys, flowers etc. These are the children who sell these things to supplement meager income of their families. **Prerna** is getting hugely popular with street children -girls & boys alike. Prerna inculcates healthy habits, interest in education and social awareness in these children besides providing them food and nutrition, clothing, primary health services, life skill education and opportunity of recreation with their peers. This year Prerna inspired lives of 77 children in ways more than one.

Total beneficiaries-----77children  
Children in formal school----- 8 children  
Received non formal education-----68 children  
Received education through NIOS-----01 children  
Vocational training --- 04 children

**Medical:**

Medical checkups—77 children (274 times)  
Ref. to hospital---19  
Hepatitis B-----16  
Medical investigation—11  
Long-term treatment--1 (T.B.)  
HIV test-----12  
LSE-----32 sessions held  
Health camps-----2 - 33 screened

**AKANKSHA:** Akanksha is an outreach program targeted at the neighbouring slum communities. It is rather a preventive intervention aimed at saving the children from these communities ending up in streets. While children are helped with formal, non-formal, bridge and remedial educational assistance, the program also seeks to organize the women of community in the SHGs, encourage them to initiate saving and thrift and micro credit program. Adult education, primary health care and awareness on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and other life threatening and crippling diseases also form a major component of the program. This year SBT direct interventions helped 81 children out of whom 60 were admitted in the formal schools and 18 of them linked to various modes of non-formal education.

Total beneficiaries-----81 children ( 509 times)  
Children in formal school-----60 children  
Received non formal education-----18 children  
Received education through NIOS-----12 children (3<sup>rd</sup> - 1, 5<sup>th</sup> -3, 8<sup>th</sup> -8)  
Admitted to vocational training course—2 children

**Medical:**

Medical checkups—102  
Ref. to hospital---9  
Hospitalization---7

HIV test-----9

Hepatitis B -- 13

Cases ref. to mental health----16(emotional disorder, behavioural disorder, HIV testing etc.)

LSE-----36 sessions held

Health camp – 2, 141 screened.

## **Shelters**

As street children are the most vulnerable and high-risk group for all sorts of crimes, diseases, drug peddling, sexual abuse, the full-care shelters provide them a secure place and a refuge from all these miseries. SBT has *four full care shelter homes* – Aasra (for boys), Apna Ghar (boys) and Arushi (girls), as well as one 24 hour drop-in shelter (for older working boys). These children reach the shelters through SBT's contact points (page 6), through Child-line (details on page 11) or through concerned citizens. The shelters are equipped according to age groups and needs of the children.

*Following are the main activities at all the shelter homes of SBT:-*

- Safe Environment:- Having faced innumerable miseries and trauma, these children need to be stabilized by providing safe shelters. SBT aims to provide a place these children can call their own. Our experience shows that providing shelter is the greatest milestone in rehabilitating and mainstreaming these lost children.
- Education:- Great emphasis is laid on Formal Schooling i.e. admitting children to regular private or public schools. Apart from this some children also go through Non formal schooling, and National Open School systems of education. Children are assisted in their homework and are provided extra tuition/remedial classes.
- Clothing & Nutrition:- Proper school uniform, shoes, summer and winter dress and other daily wear clothes are provided to these children. Emphasis is laid on provision of balanced diet and nutritious food for them.
- Health:- Regular medical check ups of the children are done at the shelters. Individual health cards are maintained for each child. Whenever required pathological tests are conducted as per the recommendation of the doctors. We have a full time doctor employed with SBT solely for this purpose. Apart from that we also invite external doctors or get our children treated by specialists.
- Sports:- We have a full time sports coordinator for SBT. The children get training in various sports like cricket, soccer and squash. Children also attend swimming and karate classes and participate in various local and inter-organizational games & sports competitions.
- Recreation:- Boys and girls of the shelters learn dance and music from renowned artists. Annual excursions and tours are organized for children for at least 10 days to beautiful hill stations and tourist spots within the country. Weekly sight seeing, outings, and screening of movies is also done for the children.

- Life Skills:- Includes enhancing the day-to-day life decision taking ability and providing livelihood options through vocational training, education and job provisions. We have a full time life skills co-ordinator employed with SBT. Structured modules and guidelines are prepared to strengthen the activities, with assistance from respective coordinators & counselors.
- Income Generation:- SBT children are involved in candle making and papier mache work. The sale of these products is made at various places like Fabindia, Delli Haat, Full Circle etc and the amount received is put into the respective child's saving account.
- Saving Schemes:- Children who earn money are encouraged to open savings accounts in order to inculcate the concept of saving. Incentives are given to children if they save and maintain the balance for a particular period of time.
- Mental Health Programme:- We have a trained panel of counselors, a psychiatrist and a psychologist who have formed a core group. The team deliberates on issues like mental stress, depression, anxiety, communication skills, and techniques of counseling. SBT children undergo intense 'one to one' counseling and also 'group counseling' from time to time.
- Vocational Training:- Is provided to the children above 15 years according to their interest and aptitude. A lot of SBT children have been trained in trades such as candle making, tailoring, electrician, motor mechanic, cooking, photography, computer, driving etc.
- Skill development:- training in crafts, music, needlecraft, handicraft etc are given to the children.
- Job Placement:- After providing vocational training SBT also assists children in getting suitable employment. The trust supports promising candidates by providing small loans in order to help establish them in small-scale businesses or jobs.

### *SHELTER HOMES*

AASRA: Aasra provides shelter to boys between 5 to 12 years.. Aasra was rechristened as SBT shelter home under JJ Act to distinguish it from other shelter homes Established in 1992 at Paharganj, it is the earliest program of SALAAM BAALAK TRUST. During the year the Aasra provided shelter to 200 children and the highlight remained the restoration of 117 children back to their families. Other physical achievement of AASRA remained as under

Restore back to families-----117 children  
 Placed to other NGO-----14 children  
 Children in formal school-----33 children  
 Received non formal education-----164 children  
 Received education through NIOS-----3 children (8<sup>th</sup> -3)  
 Medical checkups-----165  
 LSE---38 sessions held  
 Total beneficiaries-----200 children

### *Highlights:*



Shelter provided to-----428 children  
 Restore back to families-----154 children (through childline 112)  
 Placed to other NGO-----06 children  
 Formal school --- 08 children  
 Received non formal education-----383 children  
 Received education through NIOS-----21 children (3<sup>rd</sup>-2, 5<sup>th</sup>-5, 8<sup>th</sup> -4, 10<sup>th</sup> -3, 12<sup>th</sup> -7)

Admitted to vocational training course—83 children (in different trade 36, computer training-47), computer literacy programme 60  
 Boys rehabilitated through job placement----16  
 Medical checkups—182  
 Ref. to hospital---94  
 LSE---40 sessions held

Total beneficiaries-----428 children

ARUSHI: presently accommodating 68 young and adolescent girls, Arushi is specially designed to address the needs of girl child. It is an exclusive girl child shelter and is providing a safe and caring atmosphere since 1999. This year Arushi provided shelter to 68 girls in different age groups. While 12 girls were successfully repatriated, 3 girls were placed with other NGOs to help them receive better education and training. Three girls became financially independent by joining decent jobs and are supporting themselves as well as their families. While they have excelled in academics, their extracurricular performance also remained enviable. Three of them acted in different movies from well known production houses.

Shelter provided to-----68 girls  
 Restore back to families-----12 girls  
 Placed to other NGO-----3 girls  
 Children in formal school—-----18 girls  
 Received non formal education-----39 girls  
 Received education through NIOS-----11 girls (3<sup>rd</sup>- 2, 5<sup>th</sup> -1, 8<sup>th</sup>-3, 10<sup>th</sup>-5)  
 Admitted to vocational training course—27 girls  
 Placed in jobs--3  
 Medical checkups—35  
 Ref. to hospital---26  
 LSE-----22 sessions held  
 Ref. to mental health----14  
 Total beneficiaries-----68 girls

## Services

Education; empowering present and enlightening future

Salaam Baalak trust believes that the investment in education is the first and the best means to empower a child, therefore it runs a number of educational services catering to the needs of different age group and different educational attainments. Salaam baalak trust is committed to make literate every child coming to it. The conviction in worth of education has been infectious and some of its determined children have done it proud by reaching up to university level. Based on the needs of children a number of strategies are adopted to expose children to education and retain them.

Formal education:

The best way to educate a child is believable to put him or her in a good formal school which brings education in the habit of children. The formal schooling also brings children in the mainstream education and allows children the company of their peers from various backgrounds. Many children coming to salaam baalak trust have some background of education and the trust helps them get admitted into reputed formal schools. Initially reluctant to admit street children many schools now readily admit the children recommended by the trust, as many of them have done remarkably well, not only in the studies but also in extra curricular activities. SBT is proud to say that many of its children have went beyond schools and received college and university education. We mainstreamed -----children this year details of which are as follows:

Sl.No.	Centre name	Regular Schooling Status No. Of Children	School Name
1	Apna Ghar	40	1. D.A.V.public school, Pusa road, New Delhi 2. D.A.V.Public school, Panchkuan road, New Delhi 3.Bharati Vidya Bhawan, K.G.Marg, New Delhi 4. Nutan Marathi Public School, Paharganj, New Delhi 5.Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Kasrewalan, Paharganj, New Delhi 6 Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Malcha Marg , New Delhi 7. Govt. Sr. Sec. School , Rani Jhansi road Paharganj, New Delhi 8.Multan D.A.V.School , Rajendra Nagar 9. N.P.Boy,s Mandir Marg , New Delhi 10. Lady Noyce Deaf & Dumb sr. Sec.school Delhi Gate Delhi
2	Aasra	12	1.M.C.D. Primary School, Mantola Paharganj , New Delhi 2. Vidya public school, Gole Market, New Delhi 3. Nutan Marathi school P.Ganj N. Delhi

3	Arushi	24	1. Jindal Public school Dwarka 2. Kennedy Public School , Palam 3. Jain Model Public School 4. Jivan Jyoti Special School
4	Kishalaya	14	NDMC School Connaught Place
5	DIS	12	MCD School Arakasan Road , Paharganj
6	Akanksha	44	MCD Primary School, Raiway Colony Paharganj, New Delhi 2. Raghmal Primary Arya Samaj Vidyalaya Gole Market , New Delhi 3. Govt. Sr.Sec.Girls School. Pili Building Kaseruwalan, Paharganj, New Delhi 4.Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Kasrewalan, Paharganj, New Delhi
<b>Total</b>		<b>146</b>	

### **Non-formal education:**

Children coming to salaam baalak trust often do not have any earlier experience of education because of their working status or cannot not afford education due to various reasons. Salaam baalak trust provides them first experience with the education. They are provided basic education and literacy through a number of non-formal and flexible modules. The objective is to create interest towards education and later mainstream them to formal education. All the shelter homes and contact points of the trust have non-formal education component taken care of by experienced educators who have been specially trained in adult and children pedagogy through non-formal means. Almost all the children coming in contact with the trust are initially put into non-formal education and later separate education programmes as per their needs & education assessment. The aim of non-formal education is to enable children continue their education either by formal education through regular schools or open schools viz. NIOS.

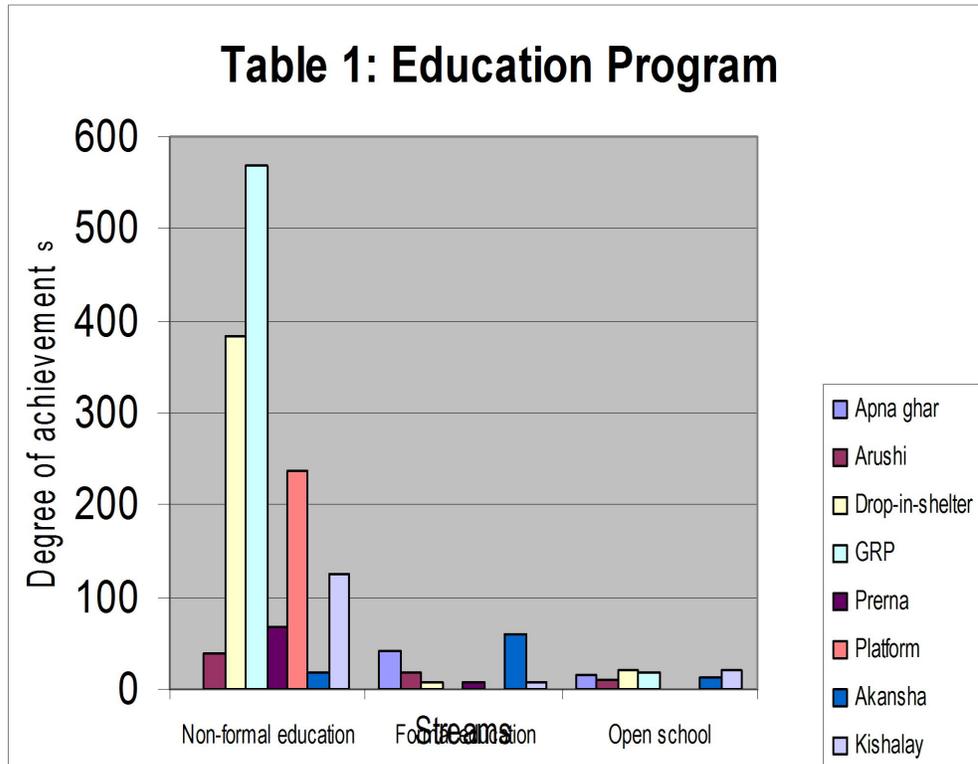
### **National Institute of Open Schooling**

Open schooling has proved a boon for children who have no education or had to quit education due to various reasons. Every year SBT helps a number of children pass different grades through NIOS. NIOS provided accreditation to SBT in 2000 and in 2001 it also allowed the trust to set question papers for lelvel A, B & C and evaluate.

### **Bridge & Remedial Education**

Bridge education helps children to cover up their discontinuity in the education. When children flee their homes their education is discontinued and they are denied education in higher classes. The bridge courses enable them to cover the syllabus and also make up for the lost time within a short time through concise courses. This enables children to take

further exams through open schools or regular schools and continue their education. Remedial education helps less focused or comparatively poor children to focus on their education, work harder and bring good grades.



## **Amit Kumar Gupt:**

Amit - 17 years old guy hails from Herischendra pur, Murshidabad W. B.Bengal. Amit's parents were unhappy with him because he wanted to study. They did not have interest in his education. Parents always used to tease him with putting example of relative's children.

Father wanted to get engaged him in family business He is a junk dealer. But Amit wanted to continue his study despite the parent's impolite behavior. Amit was frustrated with his parent's behavior so one fine day he left his home to get rid from parent's behavior. He boarded a train and came to New Delhi .He roamed for 2-3 days and came in contact with a social worker of Kishalaya center of Salaam Baalak Trust. He was interested in education so placed in Apna ghar (SALAAM BAALAK TRUST) - a center for older children. Services of Salaam Baalak Trust and a chance of opportunity to develop made him positive towards life goal. He is shy and do not get mixed easily with everyone.

He got admission in Government school in class 8<sup>th</sup>. He performed well in school so shifted to another reputed public school Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan He got admission in English medium after qualifying entrance test. He scored 84% in CBSE 10<sup>th</sup>.He got admission in science with math. He enjoys playing cricket the most. Net surfing and book reading his past time activities. He aspires to join IIT. Now he is confident to achieve his goal.

## **Health services**

Salaam Baalak Trust believes that health is wealth and therefore health of children is one of the topmost concerns for the trust. The health of street children is invariably the first victim of living in unhealthy places and having unhygienic habits. While they are highly prone to contagious diseases they are also totally denied any kind of health facilities. Water borne and bacterial infections are the most common ailments among children. Adolescents have a high risk lifestyle and easy prey to many diseases including HIV/AIDS, STIs and also drug addiction. Tuberculosis is one of the most life threatening disease from which children need special protection. The health programme for children includes a number of component which takes care of not only physical health of children but also their mental health as most of the children who come to us have already faced severe mental trauma and need specialized mental health services.

### **Primary health services and medical checkup:**

Salaam Baalak trust is fortunate to have a number of doctors on its rolls and also as volunteers therefore, all the children coming in contact with salaam Baalak trust undergo basic health check up to ascertain their health status. They are screened for any ailments every month and provided primary health services and medical attention as per their needs. They are referred to specialized institutions if they require any such facilities and long term treatment.

### **Referral services**

Besides providing primary health services to inmates SBT also provides referral services to children who require specialized services or long term treatment. SBT has a number of specialized govt./private hospitals which provide quality health services to children referred by SBT. This enables us to provide best available services for the health needs of children. This year SBT has been able to help 504 children get quality health services from specialized hospitals viz LNJP, AIIMS, Kalawati Saran etc.

### **Health camps**

The trust organizes health camps on major health concerns of the children and the neighboring community. Two health camps on Eye camp and Dental camp were organized at Arushi & Drop in shelter wherein 590 people participated. Health camps help not only in spreading the message of good health and healthy behavior but also help to screen a large number of people for any particular disease and provide them protection and medical attention.

## **Drug de-addiction**

Increasingly high number of children coming to SBT, are being found to be addicted to drugs, therefore, de addiction also forms one of the major components of the health programme. In a study conducted by SBT few years back, 70% children reported to have ever taken drugs. Most common forms of drug addiction are solution, bhang, charas, ganja and smack. While counseling is the first in house help to overcome the addiction, specialized medical attention and de-addiction and de-toxification treatment are also provided to children in association with reputed de-addiction centres.

## **Programme on HIV/AIDS**

Today, HIV stands as the largest health and development problem in the lives of street children. Children live on streets without any support network and are a high-risk group for HIV due to –

- Lack of knowledge on sex, sexuality, HIV/AIDS, STDs & Condom usage.
- Lack of access to health services for treatment of STDs
- Un protected sex practices including multiple partner sex, rape of young boys and girls and various forms of drug abuse.

SBT started addressing the HIV issues in the year 1997 with a small-scale prevention intervention program. And, today the Trust has a comprehensive HIV/AIDS Programme-prevention linked with care and support. The strategies/ components used are provision for safe space with value education (physical, mental & spiritual development) peer education, IEC campaign, life skill education, early diagnosis for STD/STIs and Health outreach. Creating an enabling environment for children infected/ affected by AIDS is also one of the areas of great importance with this group.

## **Community Based Care & Support programme for Children Affected by AIDS and children living on streets; Supported by India HIV/AIDS Alliance/MAMTA:**

Community Based Care & Support Programme for children living in and around the New Delhi Railway Station started in the year 2001. The project started with conducting Participatory Community Assessment to learn about the risks related to HIV/AIDS and need for care & support. The Care & Support project formulated to address the needs of the children living in and around the New Delhi Railway Station.

The Programme components implemented in 2006-7 are IEC campaign, Life skills, promotion of VCT (voluntary Counseling and Test), provision of nutrition, care for children affected by AIDS, peer education and children's support group.

## **Promotion of Sexual & Reproductive Health and Prevention of HIV/AIDS amongst street girls supported by DFID/India HIV/AIDS Alliance**

Promotion of Sexual & Reproductive Health and prevention of HIV amongst adolescent girls living at railway station and shelter home was a short term target oriented programme under challenge fund of DFID. The project focused specially on innovative

and sustainable community-driven responses to reducing HIV transmission amongst the marginalized girls. This goal was achieved through three broad outputs. These are; Increased informed demand Increasing awareness and knowledge of HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health (SRH), increased access to services and support, and Increased organizational and community capacity.

**Important data:**

- In total 110 children went for Voluntary Counseling and Test. Fortunately non of them are tested positive
- 3 New street Plays have been created on HIV/AIDS, Trafficking and Stigma & discrimination
- The theatre team performed about 25 shows in different occasion.
- 12,000 condoms are distributed at New Delhi railway station area.
- 1600 children living in and around the railway station reached in prevention programme

**Trafficking And HIV/AIDS- TAHA Project**

Salaam Baalak Trust participated in a national effort in waging a war against “trafficking and HIV/AIDS”. This project TAHA was a time bound effort to tackle the menace under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through Delhi AIDS Control Society as lead agency. Salaam Baalak Trust participated in this initiative in creating a nurturing environment that could foster normal physical and mental growth of girls living in and around the New Delhi Railway Station, to allow them to regain their self-confidence and to return to the mainstream society. The project was carried out from December 2006 till April 2007, objectively to reach out to un reached girls through night out reach, child help line-1098 and sensitizing their stake holders. The project repatriated 25 girls and rehabilitated a dozen by providing vocational training and job placement. Community and stake holders are sensitized on trafficking and HIV issues. For effective implementation, a series of capacity building activities carried out for staff members, peer educators, and medical and other service providers.

**Mental health services**

Majority of children coming to SBT have traumatic experiences and addressing their mental health can hardly be neglected in these cases. Mental health concerns ranging from learning disability to schizophrenia have to be addressed in a systematic manner to enable a child live a healthy life. A team of professionally trained clinical psychologists and psychiatrists supported by trained counselors are responsible for investigating and taking care of mental health of children.

Mental health programme was set up in 2003 when the trust realized that addressing the mental health was equally important rather more important in case of children who have suffered abuse or exploitation. The team is also helping to enhance the other staff members capacity in areas like counseling, intervention and crisis management.



### **Childline project**

CHILDLINE is a 24 hours telephone emergency service for children in distress supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Salaam Balaak Trust coordinates childline services in Central Zone (Delhi). Child line is a unique intervention, which makes a number of services accessible for a child at distress just on telephonic call. This year Child line provided services to more than 1000 children providing them shelter, medical, intervention, repatriation, emotional guidance & counseling.

The childline services seek to provide immediate relief to street children, working children, domestic child workers and child labor in the unorganized sector. Any child or anybody on behalf of the child can call 1098 and access its services.

### ***Night outreach***

The darkness of a dead night enhances the vulnerability of a street child manifold. SBT night outreach aims to identify these utmost vulnerable children and bring them to safe

surroundings of the SBT. The focus of the intervention is on integrating those girl children to the program who can be seen only in the dead of the night. It has also helped spread the awareness of the availability of services to the nocturnal creatures. This year a total of 160 children were accessed through the night outreach. While ten of them were restored back to their families, 40 received emergency Childline services. All the children accessed also received non-formal education.

Total beneficiaries-----160 children  
Referred to Childline-----40 children  
Restore back to families-----10 children( through childline 6)  
Received non formal education-----160 children  
Placed in jobs -- 02 children

**Medical:**

Ref. to hospital—12  
Hospitalization 03  
Operated – 01

**Salaam Baalak centre of performing arts**

SBT has a rich tradition of performing arts, theatre, street play, puppetry and photography has been the main forms of performing arts which has sustained the centre and inclination of children over the period. Many theatre artists from SBT have graduated from theater to films and have entered the famed portals of bollywood. This year too, 3 children including one girl got opportunities to act in movies being produced by reputed productions. Others contributed to spectacular theatre and street performances done on the request of others or simply to put a message across. puppetry group ISAHRA needs special mention as it has captured the imagination of children and adults alike in conveying difficult themes and messages with ease and in a child friendly manner. Not to be outdone budding photographers also did us proud by holding the audience captive and ringing the cash registers at photo exhibitions. Viky organized an exhibition supported by US embassy and DFID in Delhi as well as Mumbai.

**Salaam award project**

Salaam award project is a salute to the undying spirit of the street children in most adverse circumstances. Instituted by Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme, the award was initially open only to elite schools but since 1999 SBT has been honored by nominating underprivileged children for the award. The award is given to children every year for showing exemplary skills at Vocational skills, social service, trekking & sports, the award

includes a citation. This year 61level (Bronze level 14, Silver lever 22, Gold level 9 & residential programme 16) was honored with the salaam award.



### **Highlights of the year**

- 11 children joined Toll Plaza at Raipur earning Rs.8500/- from our Older Boys shelter
- Amit Gupt from Apna Ghar secured 84% in his high school (CBSE) exam.
- Aasra – a shelter home for boys was accredited by Delhi Govt. as shelter home under JJ Act.
- In house kitchen was started & is providing meals to approx.400 children per day.
- Program Manager, Dr. P.N.Mishra was invited to impart training on JJ Act to Judicial Magistrates from Bihar.
- Devanand Srivastav, Coordinator was invited to Poster Presentation the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual International conference on “ Urban Health”
- Foundation stone was layed for Arushi – girls child shelter in Gurgaon
- Two new contact points were started at Saket & Old Delhi Railway Station.



SBT's Kitchen providing food to approx.250 children daily



Arushi - Girl Child Shelter

Special thanks to the donors

### **Acknowledgements**

SBT is sustained entirely through the support and encouragement of a number of individuals and organization that are deeply committed to the betterment of the lives of street children. SBT children, staff & management express their heartfelt gratitude to all of them.

#### MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Women & Child Development supports our shelter homes Aasra & Apna Ghar. We are thankful to the Government of India & Ministry of Women & Child Development for enabling us to make impact on the lives of children in ways more than one.

#### YOUTH REACH

Youth Reach has been instrumental in the skill enhancement of children in various child friendly ways. It has also made available to us a number of committed and sensitive volunteers who have helped children learn many art forms & become self-sufficient. It has done wonders with the empowerment and self-esteem of children. Besides, it has also enabled us market the products made by our children. We feel short of words to express gratitude to them.

#### CARE FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND AGING (CFCA)

CFCA is a US based agency, which facilitates the sponsorship program over 26 countries globally. It facilitates fostering and enhancing comprehensive and holistic development of children and care for aging. So far, the has benefited 300 children. Today, we have 75 children sponsored in this program. It is a unique program, which ties people with resources with people in needs. CFCA program has been able to play a vital role for their holistic development.

The programs supports education and remedial education including books and stationeries, school fee, uniform and food to the shelter boys and mid day meal to the community children, medical facilities including medical check ups, medicines, immunization, emergency medical help, entertainment, outing etc. We are grateful to the august agency and people for their cooperation and support.

#### USAID/ FAMILY HEALTH INTERNATIONAL

“United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Family Health International (FHI) have partnered with SBT since October 1999 in a HIV prevention project with around 4,000 street and working children at and around New Delhi Railway Station. Currently the project provides youth and children with life skills education with particular emphasis on health promotion and preventing HIV/AIDS; promote access to health services and psychosocial

support; strengthen repatriation back to families; provide vocational training and job placements; and capacity building of staff. We are highly indebted to the USAID and FHI for their encouragement and support.”

#### CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION\_\_\_\_

The mission of CAF has been to enhance the fund raising capacity of the voluntary organization committed to the cause of humanity. It also encourages individual & organizations to donate and help generously voluntary organization through its program “Give as you earn”. It has supported SBT for the last six years. We most humbly salute their sincere efforts.

#### CHILDREN’S HOPE INC

We are grateful to Children’s Hope Incorporated (USA) for extending support to the cause of street & working children. Children’s Hope supports our girl child project- Arushi shelter homes. The Samtani family through Children’s Hope is very generous donor and supporting SBT for the past 04 years.

#### GIVE FOUNDATION

Salaam Baalak Trust has gained enormously from its association with Give Foundation in ways more than one. We sincerely acknowledge our regards for their endeavors.

#### GLOBAL FUND FOR CHILDREN (GFC)

Education, health & vocational training programs in 24 hour Drop in shelter have been supported by Global Fund for Children. We express sincere gratitude to this kind gesture. GFC’s grant provides general support for SBT’s Drop-in-shelter, which provides boys with a safe environment to sleep, eat, and receive counseling, tutoring, and skills training away from the drug dealers, sexual predators etc. who routinely harass the boys on the streets.

#### MAMTA HEALTH INSTITUTE FOR THE MOTHER AND THE CHILD

We extend our hearty gratitude to MAMTA HIV/AIDS Alliance for their kind support for HIV/AIDS Care & Support program. The program has been of great help in building the capacity of the organization & to address the care & support issues needs of street & working children living in and around the New Delhi railway station.

#### THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH’S AWARD INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, INDIA

Award India program has been instrumental in holistic development of our children. The program has not only encouraged our children to the world of expeditions and adventures but have also instilled in them values, life skill & voluntarism.

#### THE PAUL HAMLYN FOUNDATION (U.K.)

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation has been kind enough to support our 24 hour Drop in shelter at Katra Karim, which has helped us make possible a world of opportunities to children. We are highly grateful.

#### UNODC

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime : we are highly grateful to UNODC for their support in our efforts to combat drug addiction and HIV/AIDS among street children. With their help we have not only been able to identify and educate children on drug-addiction and the menace of HIV/AIDS against which they are highly vulnerable, but also send a large number of them for detoxification.

#### SMILE FOUNDATION

We express our deep gratitude for Smile Foundation who are providing us with support to sustain and improve our educational services in contact points.

#### HOME OF HOPE

Home of hope is supporting all our interventions including education, health services, food and recreation, etc. at Apna Ghar. We are deeply touched by their benevolent gesture.

#### MONSOON TRUST

Arushi has been a home for hundreds of girls and instilling them with hope, promise and belief in themselves. We are thankful to Monsoon Trust for helping us to construct our own girl child shelter home.

#### LEE & GUND FOUNDATION

Lee & Gund Foundation has been helping us to support victims of trafficking and their stay at Arushi.

#### U & N FOUNDATION

We thank U & N foundation for providing us food (dry ration) for hundreds of children at our various shelter homes.

#### DSACS

UNDP-TAHA project being implemented through DSACS has provided us the opportunity to work with children who are highly vulnerable to trafficking and HIV/AIDS. We express our deepest regard for their support.

## Individual support

We are also thankful to number of individuals who have supported and encouraged us in our endeavors

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